

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for forming a beverage, comprising:

a housing adapted to support components of a beverage forming device;

a receptacle, having an opening to receive a beverage cartridge, movable relative to the housing between a vertical position and a stationary, inclined position in which the receptacle is arranged to receive and hold a beverage cartridge; and

a lid movable relative to the housing between open and closed positions, the lid in the closed position cooperating with the receptacle in the vertical position to facilitate formation of a beverage when liquid is provided to the cartridge;

wherein in the inclined position, the receptacle faces in a direction away from the lid, and the receptacle opening has a center axis extending from a center of the opening, and when the receptacle is in the vertical position, the center axis extends vertically and intersects the lid, and when the receptacle is in the stationary, inclined position, the center axis does not intersect the lid.

6. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the receptacle is pivotable about a first axis relative to the housing.

7. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the lid is pivotable about a second axis relative to the housing.

8. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the receptacle is pivotable about a first axis relative to the housing, and the lid is pivotable about a second axis relative to the housing.

9. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the first and second axes are parallel.

10. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 5, further comprising a handle that is manually movable to cause the receptacle to move between the vertical and inclined positions and the lid to move between the closed and open positions, respectively.
11. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 5, further comprising a linkage that causes movement of the receptacle in response to movement of the lid.
12. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the linkage includes at least one pin attached to the lid that engages with a slot formed in the receptacle.
13. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 5, further comprising a linkage and a handle coupled to the linkage, wherein movement of the handle causes the linkage to move the lid.
14. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the linkage includes at least one arm pivotally connected to the lid and at least one link pivotally connected to the at least one arm and to the housing.
15. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the handle is coupled to the at least one arm such that movement of the handle causes rotation of the at least one arm.
16. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein rotation of the at least one arm causes the lid to move between the open and closed positions.
17. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the linkage further includes at least one pin attached to the lid that engages with a slot formed in the receptacle and wherein movement of the lid causes the receptacle to move between the vertical and inclined positions.

18. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 5, further comprising an inlet probe that is arranged to pierce a beverage cartridge in the receptacle when the lid is moved to the closed position.
19. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the receptacle is arranged to receive a filter pod.
20. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 18, further comprising an outlet probe arranged to pierce a beverage cartridge in the receptacle to allow a beverage to exit the cartridge.
21. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 5, further comprising a beverage cartridge that includes a beverage medium and a filter element.
22. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the lid and receptacle move simultaneously in at least part of their respective movement between the open and closed positions, and the vertical and inclined positions.
23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 5, constructed and arranged to produce a brewed beverage.
24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 5, further comprising a water tank, a heater to heat water and a pump to provide heated water to the beverage cartridge.
25. (Currently Amended) A method for forming a beverage, comprising:
 - providing a beverage forming device having a housing with a receptacle accessible to a user, the receptacle having an opening to receive a beverage cartridge, and the receptacle opening having a center axis extending from a center of the opening;
 - moving the receptacle from a vertical position, in which the center axis extends vertically and intersects a lid in a closed position, to a forwardly inclined position in which the an opening of

the receptacle to receive a cartridge faces away from the lid, and the center axis does not intersect the lid in an open position;

providing a beverage cartridge in the receptacle while the receptacle is in the forwardly inclined position;

moving the lid to the open position;

providing a beverage cartridge in the receptacle while the receptacle is in the forwardly inclined position;

moving the receptacle to the vertical position;

moving the lid to the closed position in which the lid cooperates with the receptacle to at least partially enclose the beverage cartridge; and

providing a liquid into the beverage cartridge to produce a beverage.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein:

the step of moving the receptacle from a vertical position to a forwardly inclined position comprises moving a handle from a closed position to an open position.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein:

the steps of moving the receptacle from a vertical position to a forwardly inclined position and moving the lid to the open position comprises moving a handle from a closed position to an open position.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein:

the step of moving the receptacle from a vertical position to a forwardly inclined position comprises pivoting the receptacle about a first axis.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein:

the step of moving the lid to the open position comprises pivoting the lid about a second axis relative to the housing.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein a linkage causes movement of the receptacle in response to movement of the lid.
31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the step of moving the lid to the open position comprises moving at least one pin attached to the lid relative to a slot formed in the receptacle.
32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, further comprising piercing the beverage cartridge with an inlet probe when the lid is moved to the closed position.
33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the beverage cartridge includes a beverage medium and a filter element.
34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the beverage is a brewed beverage.
35. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for forming a beverage, comprising:
a housing adapted to support components of a beverage forming device;
a receptacle rotatable relative to the housing about a first axis between a vertical position and an inclined position in which the receptacle is accessible to insert or remove a beverage cartridge;
and
a lid rotatable relative to the housing about a second axis between open and closed positions with the position of the second axis remaining stationary relative to the housing, the lid in the closed position cooperating with the receptacle in the vertical position to facilitate formation of a beverage when liquid is provided to the cartridge, the receptacle being rotatable about the first axis in a first direction toward the inclined position, and the lid being rotatable about the second axis in a second direction, different from the first direction, toward the open position.
36. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 35, wherein the first axis is parallel to the second axis.

37. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the inclined position in which the receptacle is arranged to receive and hold a beverage cartridge is a forwardly inclined position.